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Draft report

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Chapter I
Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

A. Draft decisions recommended by the Permanent Forum for adoption by the Council

1. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[*To be completed*]

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

2. The Permanent Forum has identified the proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action set out below and, through the Council, recommends that States, entities of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, indigenous peoples, the private sector and non-governmental organizations assist in their realization.

3. It is the understanding of the secretariat of the Permanent Forum that those proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action to be carried out by the United Nations, as set out below, will be implemented to the extent that resources from the regular budget and extrabudgetary resources are available.

Recommendations of the Permanent Forum

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Chapter II
Venue, dates and proceedings of the session

4. By its decision 2014/244, the Economic and Social Council decided that the fourteenth session of the Permanent Forum would be held at United Nations Headquarters from 20 April to 1 May 2015.

5. At its 2nd to 7th meetings, from 20 to 23 April 2015, the Permanent Forum considered agenda item 3, entitled "Follow-up on the recommendations of the Permanent Forum", including sub-items (a), "Outcome of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples", (b), "Post-2015 development agenda", and (c), "Youth, self-harm and suicide". For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it the notes by the secretariat entitled "Analysis prepared by the secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples" (E/C.19/2015/3) and "Compilation of information from Member States on addressing the recommendations of the Permanent Forum" (E/C.19/2015/5). At its 17th meeting, on 1 May 2015, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 3 (see chap. I, sect. B).

6. At its 4th meeting, on 21 April, the Forum considered agenda item 4, entitled "Half-day discussion on the Pacific region". At its 17th meeting, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 4 (see chap. I, sect. B).

7. At its 12th meeting, on 28 April, the Forum considered agenda item 5, entitled "Half-day discussion on the expert group meeting on the theme 'Dialogue on an optional protocol to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples'". For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it a note by the secretariat entitled "Expert group meeting on the theme 'Dialogue on an optional protocol to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples'" (E/C.19/2015/8). At its 17th meeting, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 5 (see chap. I, sect. B).

8. At its 6th and 7th meetings, on 23 April, the Forum considered agenda item 6, entitled "Comprehensive dialogue with United Nations agencies and funds", jointly with agenda item 3 (b), entitled "Post-2015 development agenda". During those meetings, there was a dialogue with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. For its consideration of item 6, the Forum had before it the notes by the secretariat entitled "Compilation of information received from United Nations agencies and intergovernmental organizations on progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the Permanent Forum" (E/C.19/2015/6) and "Report on the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples' Issues annual meeting for 2014" (E/C.19/2015/7). At its 17th meeting, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 6 (see chap. I, sect. B).

9. At its 10th and 11th meetings, on 27 April, the Permanent Forum considered agenda item 7, entitled "Human Rights" , including sub-items (a), "Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples", and (b), "Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and the Chair of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples". During those meetings, there was a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, with a specific focus on economic, social and cultural rights. At

its 17th meeting, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 7 (see chap. I, sect. B).

10. At its 5th, 7th to 9th and 13th to 15th meetings, on 22, 23, 24, 29 and 30 April, the Forum considered agenda item 8, entitled "Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues of the Economic and Social Council and emerging issues" for discussions on, inter alia, its methods of work and indigenous human development and human rights indicators. For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it the notes by the secretariat entitled "Twenty-year review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and beyond: a framework to advance indigenous women's issues" (E/C.19/2015/2), "Study on the treatment of traditional knowledge in the framework of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the post-2015 development agenda" (E/C.19/2015/4) and "Cross-border issues, including recognition of the right of indigenous peoples to trade in goods and services across borders and militarized areas" (E/C.19/2015/9). At its 17th meeting, the Forum considered and adopted a draft decision and its recommendations submitted under agenda item 8 (see chap. I, sects. A and B).

11. At its 16th meeting, on 30 April, the Forum considered agenda item 9, entitled "Draft agenda for the fifteenth session of the Permanent Forum". At its 17th meeting, the Forum considered and adopted a draft decision submitted under agenda item 9 (see chap. I, sect. A).

Chapter III
Adoption of the report of the Forum on its fourteenth session

12. At its 17th meeting, the Rapporteur introduced the draft decisions and recommendations and the draft report of the Permanent Forum on its fourteenth session.

13. At the same meeting, the Permanent Forum adopted its draft report.

Chapter IV
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

14. The Permanent Forum held its fourteenth session at United Nations Headquarters from 20 April to 1 May 2015. It held 17 formal meetings and 3 closed meetings to consider the items on its agenda.

15. At the 1st meeting, on 20 April, the session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. At the opening ceremony, Tododaho Sid Hill, of the Onondaga Nation, delivered a welcoming address. The President of the General Assembly, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council delivered statements.

16. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Chair of the Permanent Forum, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Head of the Department for Humanitarian Cooperation and Human Rights of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

B. Attendance

17. Members of the Forum and representatives of Governments, intergovernmental organizations and bodies, United Nations entities, and non-governmental and indigenous organizations attended the session. The list of participants is contained in document E/C.19/2015/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

18. At its 1st meeting, on 20 April, the Forum elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chair:
Megan Davis

Vice-Chairs:
Joan Carling
Oliver Loode
Joseph Mutangah
Alvaro Pop

Rapporteur:
Kara-Kys Arakchaa

D. Agenda

19. At its 1st meeting, on 20 April, the Forum adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document E/C.19/2015/1.

E. Documentation

20. A list of the documents before the Forum at its fourteenth session is contained in document E/C.19/2015/INF/2.